



ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 31.

**PRESIDENT HARRISON**, during his recent trip to Vermont, in which he did his best to stir the embers of sectional animosity, prated much of the absolute necessity of the strict observance of the provisions of the Constitution. And yet Mr. Harrison knows, or rather, ought to know, that in the war between the States it was the South that acted in strict accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and the North that regarded that instrument as a covenant with death, and justified itself upon the grotesque and outrageous assumption of what it termed a "higher law." Why, even the text books used at West Point, by cadets from the North as well as South, until the war was in full progress, taught that the southern States, in seceding, only did what they had a right to do by the organic law of the Union. Mr. Harrison, if he have not lost his memory, also knows that the Constitution, as it now exists, is not the Constitution of the founders of the Union, and that the changes in it were not made in accordance with the mode and manner therein prescribed. Why, the existence of the State of West Virginia is an ever present reminder of the utter and complete disregard of the Constitution by the party of which Mr. Harrison is the head.

THE civil service law, a national law, passed by the national Congress, and approved by the President of the nation, contains the following remarkable provision: "Sec. 1755. In grateful recognition of the services, sacrifices and sufferings of persons honorably discharged from the military and naval service of the country, by reason of wounds, disease, or the expiration of terms of enlistment, it is respectfully recommended to bankers, merchants, manufacturers, mechanics, farmers and persons engaged in industrial pursuits, to give them the preference for appointments to remunerative situations and employments."

Laws are mandatory, not commendatory. And then, too, ex-federal soldiers are recommended to southern employers for positions in preference to the men and sons of men who fought in defense of southern rights. Ex-Secretary, and present Senator, Vilas, disavowed thought his order prohibiting the promotion of any ex-Confederate holding a military position in his department was justified by the statute referred to. Strange as it may seem, there are southern men who support and defend the civil service law and all its provisions. But there is hardly any thing that some men want to do.

THERE ARE a great many people who believe that a State superintendent of roads would be of vastly more benefit to Virginia than a superintendent of education. Whether they be right or not, there is no doubt of the fact that a State officer, to provide routes and plans for public roads, and to see that the money appropriated by the counties for the improvement of such roads be properly expended, and the work skillfully done, would be of great benefit to the State. An immense sum of money is annually expended on road improvement in Virginia, but for the most part is just as much thrown away, as the roads are as bad at the end of the year as they were at its commencement, and all for lack of system, knowledge and skill. This is one of the measures to which the next legislature should give its attention.

THE LEGISLATURE of Tennessee met in special session to-day to determine whether or not the present convict labor system of that State shall be abolished, or amended and continued. There is no doubt of the fact that convicts should be made to work, as well for their own moral and physical welfare, as to save the people whose laws they have violated the expense of supporting them in idleness. The number of convicts in Tennessee would be greatly reduced if the whipping post were re-established in that State, and the best labor in which convicts can be employed is work upon the roads.

PRESIDENT HARRISON, in his recent hateresiding trip to the State of Senator Edmunds, in all his many speeches, professed great regard for the election laws, and abhorrence of those who disobey those laws, or who in any way interfere with a free vote and a fair count. And yet Mr. Harrison approved of the steal of the votes of Florida, Louisiana and South Carolina in 1876, and of the purchase of his own election with "fat" fried out of the protectionists and expended in buying votes in "blocks of five" in 1888.

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 31, 1891.  
Gov. Page of Vermont is here to-day. Having appointed Secretary Proctor U. S. Senator in place of Mr. Edmunds, resigned, he has come on to see about his share of the profits of the transaction. His nominal reason for coming is to apply for the refund of the direct land tax paid by his State.  
A Kansas republican now here says the Farmers' Alliance in his State is not in as good condition as it was, that its members are not proud of either Senator Peffer or Representative Simpson, and that thousands of them are falling to pay their assessments, and are consequently being dropped from its rolls.  
A Fredericksburg republican now here says Mr. Rowe of Spottsylvania, and Mr. M. of King George and Stafford counties, in caucusing, will probably be re-elected to the House of Delegates, and the M. of Westmoreland county will probably represent his district in the Virginia Senate.

Mr. Wheelers of the Washington and Arlington Railroad Company says that company is now building its road, and that the contractors say that portion of it between the Aqueduct Bridge and Arlington will be completed by the first of November. People from Alexandria county say that about one hundred men and twenty-five carts are already at work on the part of the road referred to.

Among the late arrivals here is that of Mr. McMillin of Tennessee, one of the candidates for the Speakership of the next House. He is in good spirits and says if the election shall go in accordance with precedents his contest will be successful. Mr. McMillin is just from the White Sulphur Springs, where he says the only Presidential talk he heard was about Gorman, Hill and Cleveland.

A North Carolina democrat here to-day says he attended a large Alliance meeting at Littleton, in his State, last week, at which all local leaders and lecturers of the organization who spoke asserted that while they would support either one of the two old political organizations which endorsed all the Alliance platform, they would support neither which did not do so. He says the prevailing impression in his State on the subject is that the leaders of the Alliance want office and will start a new party as a means to gain that end, and that while all the farmers will not support them, enough will do so to endanger white supremacy in many of the counties.

It is rumored here that Mr. Egan, the U. S. Minister to Chili, and others in the service of the State Department, will soon be exhibited in any thing else than an enviable light, and that the crookedness of their proceedings in behalf of Balmaceda will be made glaringly apparent.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day appointed the following U. S. gaugers: Wm. Hank Shaw, Ch. Va. B. W. Edwards, Ch. Va.

Major S. P. Bayly of Fauquier county, Virginia, who is now here, says he thinks there will be a split between the democrats and the Alliance men in his county, and that the democrats will probably nominate Mr. Pilcher, brother of the present delegate, and Major John Scott as their candidates for the legislature.

Several hundred more of the clerks in the census bureau will be discharged this evening, leaving only about four hundred of the three thousand once employed. Among the ladies retained are nearly all the young and pretty ones.

Capt. Foster of Loudoun county, Virginia, now here, says he does not think the Farmers' Alliance in his county will make any opposition to the election of the regular democratic nominees for the legislature in that county.

#### NEWS OF THE DAY.

Ex Congressman Wm. L. Scott is very ill at Erie.

The Missouri Farmers' Alliance rejected the sub-treasury and loan schemes by a vote of 18 to 4.

President Harrison arrived at Cape May Saturday evening and will remain there for some time.

Major McKimley and Governor Campbell are to meet in joint debate at Ada, Ohio, on some Saturday in September.

In Elkton, Md., Sunday morning five houses were burned, and the fire was so threatening that engines were summoned from Wilmington, Del.

The German Chancellor and the Austrian prime minister have joined in asking the Turkish government to intervene between Bulgaria and Serbia to prevent a rupture.

Mrs. Julia Fillmore Harris, a sister of President Fillmore, died in San Francisco last night, aged 79 years. She was the last survivor of a family of eight brothers and sisters.

George Hogan, an aeronaut, fell one thousand feet from a trapeze attached to a balloon, at the exposition grounds, at Detroit, Mich., on Saturday and was crushed to death.

The anxiety of the people to see the holy coat of Treves is so great that a woman and two children were crushed to death in the crush at the entrance of the Cathedral yesterday.

The board of education at Austin has granted certificates to twenty-one Sisters of Charity to teach in the free public schools of Texas. They are forbidden to teach religious doctrine.

So great has been the pressure brought to bear upon the German imperial government for a reduction or suspension of the grain duties, in view of the crop failures, that it is likely the government will declare the duties suspended before the fall meeting of the Reichstag.

The Futurity race at Sheephead Bay for sweepstakes of more than \$75,000 was won Saturday by D. Gideon's bay colt His Highness, ridden by McLaughlin. Huron, who was started in spite of a protest from the Coney Island Jockey Club, balanced second, with Yorkville Belle third. Time 1:15 1-5.

A dispatch from Vienna says: The Emperor of Austria shows symptoms of insanity. He is very eccentric, desiring blasphemous costumes in which to appear in public, and indulging in other oddities. The Emperor has called in medical experts, who have pronounced the case a grave one, being associated with an hereditary malady.

The new Calvert Hall of the Christian Brothers, in Baltimore, was dedicated yesterday with impressive ceremonies, and at the same time the Calvert statue was unveiled. Cardinal Gibbons blessed the building. The sermon was preached by Bishop Keane, of the Catholic University. An address was also made by Mr. William P. Ryan.

Georgetown, Ky., had three incendiary fires Friday night, which were attributed to the ill feeling of colored people over the lynching of John Dudley, colored, for the murder of Frank Hughes, white. Patrols were placed, every colored man was baited on the streets and further trouble was prevented. The colored population is excited and threatening.

Gen. B. G. Uppenforth, who was sent to Texas early in August in charge of the rain-making expedition, returned to Washington yesterday, full of enthusiasm over the success of the experiments, and gave an interesting account of the heavy rains which the balloon firing produced. He says in a section of country best suited for the trial one of the single day's firing failed to produce a rain within a short time.

VICTIMS OF MORPHINE.—The nude body of Dr. Walter E. Babby was found on Saturday lying on the bare floor of his home in Philadelphia, while bending over it was his wife, made insane by the use of morphine. Dr. Babby was thirty-six years old. Ten years ago he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, and having soon established a good practice he married a handsome society girl of Frankford. Both became addicted to the morphia habit and they fell lower and lower down the social scale until at last they lived in squalor. Dr. Babby earning barely enough money to keep them supplied with the drug. His old friends had him sent to an asylum two years ago and he was discharged "cured" six months since, but he went back to his wife and his old habits and died a victim of the drug. His wife, who is a wreck of her former self, was taken to a police station.

A severe storm last night did much damage to the summer resorts along the New Jersey coast, at many of which bad cuts were made on the beach and cottages undermined.

#### VIRGINIA NEWS.

One hundred and fifty Mormon immigrants were landed at Norfolk yesterday.

Several trainmen were injured by a collision on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad near Staunton Saturday.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association will be held at Roanoke Tuesday, September 8.

The democrats of Madison and Green have nominated Mr. John C. Orr, for the House of Delegates to succeed Hon. James Hey who declined to allow his name to go before the convention.

A plan to take Jack Wren, colored, who shot Conductor Galloway, from jail at Wytheville, Friday night and Lynch him, was frustrated by Gen. James A. Walker, who, learning of the intended lynching, summoned a posse of men and guarded the jail until the militia could be summoned.

Chasman Elyson, of the State democratic committee, has sent out a circular to the county and city chairmen asking information as to party organization, and the outlook for democratic success, etc. As soon as he receives replies he will call the State committee together and the situation will be thoroughly discussed.

A man named Eli Atwater was found lying dead, under Walker's Bridge, on the Norfolk and Western road, three miles west of Wytheville Saturday morning. He had fallen from the bridge while attempting to cross it. It is ninety feet high, and the man was killed instantly. He came from Bland county the day before to get his license to be married, and, having secured it, started back to the home of his betrothed.

A leading lawyer who attended the recent meeting of the Virginia bar association at the White Sulphur, says the material for the next Court of Appeals was freely discussed during the sessions of the body, not as a body, but by individuals, and these were the names most prominently mentioned in connection with the honor: Riley, of Halifax; Barton, of Winchester; Mann, of Norfolk; Phlegar, of Montgomery, and some of the Richmond lawyers.

At the World's Fair convention held in Palaski on July 15th it was determined that an organization should be formed in this State to be known as the World's Fair Association of Virginia, which will meet in Norfolk Tuesday, October 20th. Each congressional district will have three representatives, and the following are among those who have been appointed: Senator District—Hon. W. A. Alexander, Winchester; General District—Messrs. Shenandoah, and S. N. Waller, Esq., Front Royal; Eighth District—Hon. R. W. Moore, Fairfax; Hon. Robert H. Tyler, Prince William, and Captain P. P. Barbour, Orange.

#### The Chilean War.

The Navy Department at Washington on Saturday evening received official notice from Rear Admiral Brown at Valparaiso, of the surrender of the city to the Chilean insurgent forces. He says:

"The insurgent ships were not present and the forts were not engaged. The government war-ship Lynch, with three second-class torpedo boats, was captured. The foreign admiral demanded a guarantee in protecting the lives and property of foreign subjects. I have 100 men at the consulate. Many refugees on board. The provisional President is here."

Official dispatches from Iquique state that in the battle at Concon the Congressionists lost 508 killed, and Balmaceda lost 1,500 men. In the battle at Placilla the defeat of Balmaceda was complete.

The agents of the Chilean Congressional party in Paris yesterday received an official dispatch from Santiago saying that the Congressional party is in control of the capital; Balmaceda fled on Friday night, and that the country is tranquil. Buenos Ayres dispatches say Balmaceda resigned in favor of Gen. Baquedano.

Senator Montt, the envoy of the Chilean Congressionists in Washington, received the following cablegram yesterday evening: "IQUIQUE, Aug. 30.—Don Pedro Montt, Washington: The Junta of the Congressional Government is en route for Santiago to-day."

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Senator Montt explained that this meant that the Congressionalists were about to transfer their headquarters to the capital instead of remaining at Iquique.

The New York Herald yesterday published the following dispatch from Valparaiso, dated August 29:

"Santiago has been formally surrendered, the triumph of the Congressional party is complete and peace and quiet may be looked for in Chile before many days have passed. This morning word was received from representatives of Balmaceda at the capital asking for a conference, with a view to surrender."

A meeting was held and the terms of the surrender were arranged. Senator Don Claudio Vial, who was elected President to succeed Balmaceda, and who is now a refugee abroad, the German agents, claiming that the defeat of the government is final and that any further resistance would be simply a useless waste of force and destruction of life and property. Every possible effort is being made by the Congressional leaders to discover the whereabouts of Balmaceda; but up to this time they have not succeeded in finding a trace of him. The impression is growing that the President and some of the officers of the fleet are making all possible haste to escape from the country by way of some of the passes in the Andes. It is now winter in that country and it is a task sufficient to dent the strongest man to make his way overland to Montevideo or Buenos Ayres.

The Junta has already taken steps to get hold of the thirty tons of silver bullion which was taken from the treasury by Balmaceda and shipped on the British sloop-of-war Espliego to Buenos Ayres, there to be transferred to Europe. The treasury is empty, but it is doubtful if it will be filled by this silver.

The commander of the Chilean cruiser Presidente Pinto has asked the German authorities for permission to dock his vessel at Kiel.

#### Falls Church Notes.

Mrs. Mary Flowers, of Connecticut, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Hawhurst.

Quite a number of persons in this vicinity took preluims at the Court House last week.

Isaac Crossman, who has been at Ashbury Park for several weeks, has returned, but is still very feeble.

Mrs. Daniel Rhodes, who has been very ill, has returned from Old Point very much improved in health.

At a meeting of the Town Council on Saturday night it was decided to purchase a road machine and the town sergeant was instructed to make the purchase at once.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Falls Church Mutual Fire Insurance Company on Saturday fourteen applications were favorably acted upon and one returned. Twenty-eight thousand dollars was added to the assessable value of property insured. The total value of assessable property insured in the company has reached the sum of \$700,000. The company has been in operation fifteen months and as yet has sustained no loss by fire.

A. B. C. Alternative Purifies the Blood



#### ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

##### The Chilean War.

VALPARAISO, Aug. 30.—The Chanaral regiment of the Congressional army took formal possession of Santiago to-night, and practically the war is over.

The capital city was in the hands of a bloodthirsty mob last night, and while it was unable to satisfy its murderous instincts, it did destroy a vast amount of property. As soon as the news reached Santiago of the defeat of the government troops and the fall of Valparaiso, and the people knew that Balmaceda's power was gone, their enmity to his government broke forth. The cry was raised that the President should be killed, and a mob started for his house. He knew that he would have little chance for his life if he remained in Santiago and hid himself. Then the mob's desire for revenge found vent in the application of the torch. Soon Balmaceda's house was a mass of flames. Then the residence of Balmaceda's mother; Gen. Barco, who was killed at the battle of Placilla and the houses of several prominent officials were burned.

The city was panic stricken, business was suspended, and people, outside of the mob, kept close to their houses. The police, the fire department, and the army was demoralized and made not the semblance of an attempt to maintain order. Balmaceda, when he heard of the fall of Valparaiso, sent for General Baquedano, commander of the government troops in Santiago, to meet him on Saturday evening. A council of war was held, and it was decided that a further continuation of the struggle was hopeless and that the surrender of the capital was the only proper course. Baquedano was given charge of the city and was authorized to arrange the terms of the surrender with the Congressional forces. Word was at once sent to General Canto that all the troops in Santiago had declared their adhesion to the Congressional party and that Santiago was at his disposal.

Senator Don Jorge Montt, who is in charge of affairs in the South, ordered that the Chanaral regiment proceed at once to Santiago, where they are to assist the forces of Gen. Baquedano in keeping order, etc. From those who came from Santiago to-day it was learned that that city is in a terrible state. In addition to the destruction by the mob last night the city is threatened by an invasion of all the desperate characters, robbers and outlaws in the surrounding country. The firemen have their hands full in fighting the numerous incendiary fires. Gen. Baquedano has posted the Imperial regiment in a cordon about the city to prevent robbers and other dangerous people from coming into the capital and adding to the confusion. Comparative order has at last been restored in Valparaiso. Rioters who were caught in the work were summarily dealt with, and many of them were shot out of hand, but rioting was not stopped until property estimated to be worth \$1,800,000 had been destroyed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 31, 1891.—Official corroboration of Balmaceda's fall reached the State and Navy Departments this morning. Acting Secretary Wharton received the following telegram dated Valparaiso, August 30th, 9:30 p. m.: "Balmaceda has turned over government to Baquedano and fled. Canto goes to Santiago to-night to assume control until arrival of Junta from Iquique. Good order here."

Acting Secretary Slay also received the following cablegram from Admiral Brown, dated Valparaiso, August 30th: "President of Chile has surrendered the government. General Baquedano, and he has left Santiago. Valparaiso well organized. The foreign forces have re-embarked."

The above is somewhat obscure, but is interpreted at the Departments to mean that the police force in Valparaiso is so well organized as to relieve the foreign admirals of further necessity for keeping their marines on shore duty.

##### Foreign News.

GENEVA, Aug. 31.—An express train, entering the railroad station at Zurich, this morning, derailed into a train that was being shunted in order to let it pass. Four cars were wrecked and many passengers were injured.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—An explosion took place in the Malaga colliery, near Bedminster, Somersetshire, at 8 o'clock this morning, when, luckily, only a small force of men were in the mine. The concussion shattered all the windows in the houses near the shaft and wrecked all the shaft work. The bodies of seven dead miners have been recovered but two others are missing. About a dozen men are seriously injured.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 31.—News has been received of a great typhoon in Japan that caused the loss of over two hundred lives. The German vessel Helene Rickmers was driven ashore and thrown high and dry upon the bank. Twenty or thirty of her crew are believed to have been drowned. Great damage to property and life all along the shore is reported. It is believed the loss of life will be 250, mostly Japanese and Chinese sailors. The typhoon was the most violent that has visited Oriental seas for years.

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—The sensation of the week is the suicide of Herr Wachman, a once enormously rich merchant. Five years ago he married a Spanish girl of ravishing beauty, and banded his fortune over to her. She deserted him for a young army officer, and he went to her bed room and hanged himself from her bed.

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—Advices from Buenos Ayres are to the effect that the Argentine Republic is opposed to the wholesale immigration of Russian Jews as planned by Baron Hirsch. Mr. Arnold White was in consultation with Baron Hirsch in regard to this new accept of the question of what shall be done with the refugees from the Czar's dominions just before the former started for Russia.

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To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

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The above piece says "it is said" that the trouble is the outgrowth of the Fletcher and Beckham affair. "It is said" indeed! Yes, I suppose "it is said" by some few, whose purposes it suits to term it "it is said," quite a cute way of unshoudering their responsibility. This trouble came about a week or so before the Fletcher-Beckham affair, but was somewhat eclipsed and covered up by the latter, I suppose. It was revived by Mr. Beckham charging Mr. Stearns with a retraction, which he did not make, and upon the latter's denial, giving him the lie.

Now, I hope, in justice to Mr. Stearns, and also Mr. Fletcher, for the latter was not at all concerned in the matter, the GAZETTE will kindly give this space in its columns, thus hearing both sides of the question.

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The above piece says "it is said" that the trouble is the outgrowth of the Fletcher and Beckham affair. "It is said" indeed! Yes, I suppose "it is said" by some few, whose purposes it suits to term it "it is said," quite a cute way of unshoudering their responsibility. This trouble came about a week or so before the Fletcher-Beckham affair, but was somewhat eclipsed and covered up by the latter, I suppose. It was revived by Mr. Beckham charging Mr. Stearns with a retraction, which he did not make, and upon the latter's denial, giving him the lie.

Now, I hope, in justice to Mr. Stearns, and also Mr. Fletcher, for the latter was not at all concerned in the matter, the GAZETTE will kindly give this space in its columns, thus hearing both sides of the question.

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A man broke into the convent of Our Lady of Sorrows in Williamsburg, N. Y., about 12 o'clock Saturday night and seized a sister in her sleep.